

## REMARKS

Claims 1-3, 5 and 17-27 are presently pending. Claims 1-3, 5 and 17-19 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. Following entry of this amendment, claims 20-27 will be pending.

## I. ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the Examiner's indication in the Advisory Action dated October 15, 2003 that claims 22-27 would be allowed if submitted in a separate, timely filed amendment canceling the non-allowable claims. Accordingly, claims 1-3, 5 and 17-19 have been cancelled. Applicants believe claims 20 and 21 should also have been indicated as allowable. The Examiner may have inadvertently typed claims 22-27 when the Examiner meant claims 20-27. That is, the Examiner does not mention either claim 20 or 21 in the Advisory Action (see, for example, paragraph 7 of the Advisory Action and the Continuation Sheet (PTOL-303). In the Office Action dated August 19, 2003, the Examiner objected to claims 20-27. Claims 20-24 were rewritten in independent form to overcome this objection in the Reply to Office Action Dated August 19, 2003 filed September 9, 2003. Thus, all claims, i.e., claims 20-27 are allowable and notice to that effect is hereby requested.

## II. CONCLUSION

If it is determined that the application is not in condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to initiate a telephone interview with the undersigned attorney to expedite prosecution of the present invention.

Any fee(s) resulting from this communication is hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 18-0988; Our Order No. F0522 (AMDSP0414US).

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